

UNIT REPORT

No. 2

From 010001B Aug 1944

To 312400B Aug 1944

103rd Medical Battalion, APO 28

1 Sept 1944

Location - vic Piseux Les Louvres

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1. OWN SITUATION

a. Location of troops, command post and boundaries.

(1) At the end of the period, the three collecting companies of this battalion were in operation, each supporting its respective combat team. Their positions, as shown on the attached overlay were at the following points.

Company A - vic Chamant, France, (0-32, 54068) Sheet No. 56

Company B - 1 Mi No of Chantilly, France (163806, Sheet 158)

Company C - vic Ivillers, France (0-38, 54 - 77, Sheet No. 56)

The clearing station, division medical supply dump, battalion CP and 2nd echelon motor maintenance section were located in the vicinity of Piseux les Louvres, France (163653, Sh 10F/4).

b. Location of adjacent medical units and supporting elements.

(1) At the end of the period the following medical units were adjacent:

Right flank - 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Division.

Left flank - Med Det 125th Cav Rcn Sqdn.

(2) Supporting the evacuation of the Division Clearing Station were the following units:

(a) Ambulances of the 451st Collecting Co. 167th Med Bn

(b) Casualties were being evacuated to the 42nd Field Hosp.

c. Operations during period covered by report.

During this period, the medical battalion carried out its normal function of supporting the 28th Infantry Division by evacuating, treating, and disposing of the casualties suffered by the Division. To shorten the evacuation time of casualties, ambulances of the battalion were continually kept in close proximity to the regimental and battalion aid stations. The existence of excellent road nets and evacuation routes as well as the terrain features made this possible. The clearing station, together with Bn CP and medical supply remained within easy evacuation distance of the collecting station at all times, even though this necessitated almost daily moves. During the month, the clearing station moved approximately 450 miles using a shuttle system of organic transportation. On one move of 115 miles,

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the entire clearing company, Battalion Headquarters, and Headquarters Detachment, moved at the same time with the aid of additional transportation furnished by the Division Quartermaster.

During the period 24 - 25 August, the clearing station supported the evacuation of the 2nd Armored Division casualties by acting as an ambulance relay post and giving treatment where required. This emergency function was necessitated by the rapid movements of the Armored Division and subsequent great distance to the evacuation hospital.

The battalion was represented in the Divisional Parade through the city of Paris as elements of the collecting companies passed in review with their combat teams, and collecting stations were located on the outskirts of Paris when the tactical situation so required.

d. Estimate of combat efficiency of the command.

There was a noted improvement in the dressings of the wounded. The handling of casualties as well as the administrative details and necessary reports were more efficiently accomplished. This was due to the experience gained in the previous weeks of combat.

On numerous occasions men from the collecting companies were working under enemy fire, as they were frequently utilized as litter bearers in front of the battalion aid stations to replace the casualties in battalion aid sections. For their exceptional accomplishments, 8 men were recommended for the Silver Star Award. 4 Purple Heart Awards were also made to members of the Medical Battalion. 4515 patients cleared by the clearing station for August 1944.

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